



EAST LONGMEADOW

Hampden County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of East Longmeadow is a suburban industrial town in the Connecticut Valley. It is a hilly town with rich sandstone deposits. First settled in 1744 by colonists realizing the fertility of the valley's alluvial soil, East Longmeadow early became an industrialized community with the development of sandstone quarries. There was an early agricultural population, but the basis of the economy until the 1920's was the quarries. During the height of production there were 50 or more quarries in operation, supplying a red sandstone said to be far superior to that found anywhere else in the country. East Longmeadow sandstone was used in the buildings of famous architect H.H. Richardson including Trinity Church in Boston. The various quarries produced sandstone of colors varying from brown to blood red. Although there are no operating quarries now, in the 1960's, several of them were reopened to provide stone for the construction of the Bobst Library building at New York University under architect Philip Johnson.

Streetcar suburban development from Springfield followed the gradual closure of the quarries, and poultry raising and market gardening were part of the local economy as was the wartime Pratt and Whitney factory which employed 4,300 men and women to build aircraft engine parts. There are presently residential, business and industrial zones in East Bridgewater and development continues in previously rural areas.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southwestern Massachusetts, bordered by Enfield and Somers, Connecticut, on the south; Hampden on the east; Wilbraham on the northeast; Springfield on the north and northwest; and Longmeadow on the west. East Longmeadow is 5 miles south of Springfield, 88 miles southwest of Boston, and 146 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 13.01 sq. miles

Land Area: 12.97 sq. miles

Population: 13,367

Density: 1,031 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Springfield Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....74.1°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Springfield South, Hampden

Regional Planning Agency

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Springfield



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 525-5400

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1894

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 8,370

Democrats 2,573 30.7 % Republicans 1,801 21.5 % Other parties 6 0.1 % Unenrolled Voters 3,990 47.7 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: East Longmeadow town, Hampden County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	14,100	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	14,100	100.0
Male.....	6,707	47.6	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	130	0.9
Female.....	7,393	52.4	Mexican.....	10	0.1
Under 5 years.....	786	5.6	Puerto Rican.....	70	0.5
5 to 9 years.....	960	6.8	Cuban.....	6	-
10 to 14 years.....	1,104	7.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	44	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	921	6.5	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	13,970	99.1
20 to 24 years.....	489	3.5	White alone.....	13,662	96.9
25 to 34 years.....	1,300	9.2	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	2,423	17.2	Total population.....	14,100	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,106	14.9	In households.....	13,889	98.5
55 to 59 years.....	765	5.4	Householder.....	5,248	37.2
60 to 64 years.....	592	4.2	Spouse.....	3,450	24.5
65 to 74 years.....	1,225	8.7	Child.....	4,506	32.0
75 to 84 years.....	1,041	7.4	Own child under 18 years.....	3,341	23.7
85 years and over.....	388	2.8	Other relatives.....	412	2.9
Median age (years).....	41.4	(X)	Under 18 years.....	116	0.8
18 years and over.....	10,609	75.2	Nonrelatives.....	274	1.9
Male.....	4,912	34.8	Unmarried partner.....	138	1.0
Female.....	5,697	40.4	In group quarters.....	211	1.5
21 years and over.....	10,205	72.4	Institutionalized population.....	206	1.5
62 years and over.....	3,001	21.3	Noninstitutionalized population.....	5	-
65 years and over.....	2,654	18.8	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,025	7.3	Total households.....	5,248	100.0
Female.....	1,629	11.6	Family households (families).....	3,986	76.0
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,792	34.1
One race.....	14,026	99.5	Married-couple family.....	3,450	65.7
White.....	13,750	97.5	With own children under 18 years.....	1,535	29.2
Black or African American.....	105	0.7	Female householder, no husband present.....	394	7.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	6	-	With own children under 18 years.....	199	3.8
Asian.....	124	0.9	Nonfamily households.....	1,262	24.0
Asian Indian.....	27	0.2	Householder living alone.....	1,132	21.6
Chinese.....	62	0.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	725	13.8
Filipino.....	4	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,878	35.8
Japanese.....	2	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,767	33.7
Korean.....	3	-	Average household size.....	2.65	(X)
Vietnamese.....	10	0.1	Average family size.....	3.10	(X)
Other Asian ¹	16	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	7	-	Total housing units.....	5,363	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	4	-	Occupied housing units.....	5,248	97.9
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	115	2.1
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	3	-	occasional use.....	13	0.2
Some other race.....	34	0.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.8	(X)
Two or more races.....	74	0.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.2	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	5,248	100.0
White.....	13,809	97.9	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,590	87.5
Black or African American.....	127	0.9	Renter-occupied housing units.....	658	12.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	34	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.78	(X)
Asian.....	147	1.0	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.69	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	9	0.1			
Some other race.....	50	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 194

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 24

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

East Longmeadow is located in the Pioneer Valley, known as the crossroads of New England because of its strategic position along the Connecticut River and its excellent transportation facilities. The Massachusetts Turnpike connects the region to Boston and to Albany, New York. Interstate 91 provides direct access to Hartford, Connecticut, and to Brattleboro and points north in Vermont.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 83, 186, and 220.

Rail

Passenger rail service to Boston, Hartford, New York, Montreal, and all other points on the Amtrak network is available through nearby Springfield. Conrail and the Springfield Terminal Railway (STRR) provide freight service to the Springfield area. Contact number for Conrail: (617) 783-6222; for the STRR: (508) 663-1073.

Bus

East Longmeadow is a member of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA), which provides fixed route service between the town and Springfield. The PVTA also offers paratransit services for the elderly and handicapped through the Council on Aging.

Other

Westover Metropolitan Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located in neighboring Chicopee, has 2 asphalt and concrete runways 7,050' and 11,600' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

MUSEUMS

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Chestnut Hill Rehab. & Nursing Center

East Longmeadow Nursing Home

Mediplex Of East Longmeadow

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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